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PROGRAM (BASP) DONORS MEETING, BRUSSELS, JULY 25/26, 1977

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1. EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF), FRG, IBRD, UK, US
AND GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO (GOL) REPRESENTATIVES MET AT
EDF HEADQUARTERS JULY 25-26 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF
DONOR/GOL PROGRESS ON BASP. A DETAILED MEMORANDUM
COVERING THESE DISCUSSIONS IS BEING PREPARED FOR ALL
ADDRESSEES.

2. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
GOL MUST DO ITS HOMEWORK PRIOR TO ANY NEW COMMITMENTS
BY THE IBRD OR THE FRG, AND TO VARYING DEGREES, THE UK
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AND USAID. CONSENSUS EMERGED THAT INFORMATION NEEDED
BY ALL PARTIES TO PERMIT PROGRESS TO FINAL
DESIGN/APPROVAL IS NOT YET AVAILABLE. THE FRG AND
OTHERS, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THE
MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BASP HEADQUARTERS
UNIT, AS WELL AS DETAILS OF PROJECT FINANCING ARRANGE-
MENTS, STAFFING NEEDS AND AVAILABILITY, IMPLEMENTATION

SCHEDULES, ETC.

3. MEETING REVEALED THAT USAID, WHILE BEING ASKED TO PERFORM THE MOST CRITICAL TASK (INPUT SUPPLY/MARKETING), LAGS BEHIND OTHER DONORS IN CURRENT PREPARATIONS DUE TO THE TARDY REQUESTS AND THE INDECISION OF THE GOL. ALL DONORS AND GOL STRONGLY URGED USAID TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO FACILITATE BOTH STOP-GAP T.A. AND LOCAL COST SUPPORT, AS WELL AS AGREEMENTS AND FUNDING ON THE FINAL PROJECT.

4. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE CALLS FOR A REVIEW BY DONORS OF GOL PROPOSALS IN COMING MONTH WITH COMMENTS TO BE REFERRED TO GOL. THE GOL WILL THEN SCHEDULE BASP DONORS MEETING IN MASERU, POSSIBLY IN TANDEM WITH OCTOBER DONORS CONFERENCE.

5. USAID ACTIONS TO ASSIST GOL WITH ONE OR MORE TA POSITIONS ASAP WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE STEP WE COULD TAKE, NOT ONLY TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT TRANSITION PROBLEMS BUT ALSO TO CREATE A USEFUL ENVIRONMENT TO BETTER ASSURE AN AID/PMC PROJECT SUCCESS. SIMILARLY, PROMPT ACTION TO MOVE TO FINAL DESIGN IS SUGGESTED. HINTON

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